I. Attendance
Senators Schoel, McCarthy and Hayes have sent a proxy in their place.
Senators Andrews, McCormick are absent because their bus is stuck in the snow.
All other Senators are present.

II. Acceptance of the Minutes
President Toy: “Motion to accept the minutes from last week.”
Motion is seconded.
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The minutes from last year are accepted and recorded.

III. Announcements
President Toy first reminds the Senators to speak up when they are talking. Also,
President Toy announces that a Financial Aid survey will be released tomorrow and it will be
coming from the Office of Institutional Research. She urges the Senators to take the survey and
promote it to their constituents. “It’s talking about Student Financial Service as a whole and it
took less than 10 minutes.”
President Toy states that the Winter Workshop fund deadline is “tonight at midnight.”
The update on the free tampons in the bathroom and President Toy states that she met
with facilities and they are looking at taking the quarter machine off in the bathroom. So, you
would twist the machine and a tampon would come out without having to pay. There are only 60
machines on campus though. There is also work being done by F.A.M. and other organizations
for “gender inclusive bathrooms.”
The crafts room is also being looked at being moved to the lounge and “everyone likes
the idea and it will be doable.” However, they are looking into how monitoring the space will go.
There will also be a student coming into talk about the Ian Burgin Cabin. President Toy
states that the SGA gave the project, two years ago, forty thousand dollars to build a cabin. They
actually built the cabin and want to give us as an update.

IV. Senate Checkins
Senator Wright presents a petition with 120 signatures from many first year in Stew Hall
and they are petitioning that the new driers are not working well and should be looked at. They
also cite “the environmental impact” and are looking for additional funds.
Also, Senator Wright talks about the decision about the CRA program from moving from
recent graduates to master students. Senator Wright motions to form an Ad-Hoc committee
looking into this decision and this will be made up of commons senators, and res-life staff.
Motion to form an Ad-Hoc committee about the CRA program.
The motion is seconded.
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The Ad-Hoc committee is passed and formed. Senator Duran asks about the Ad-Hoc committee of being open to the rest of Res Life staffers. Senator Wright states that the committee will only be open to Senators. Also, there is also discussion about the driers being an issue in Hadley and Forest. Community Council discussion was “productive.” Co-Chair Pesquira states that it was made up of mostly faculty and staff members, and five students. There was some criticism about the resolutions passed last meeting. Talking about how the flag might just be a “symbolization” and that could possibly take away the initiatives to do something. However, there were a lot of faculty for the resolutions and just maintaining the conversation and fleshing out all the ideas. Senator Pustejovsky states that there was something about when a flag goes up on the flagpole that the group would have to do a teach in.

V. EatReal Meal Reduction

The EatReal team present a slideshow about a proposed plan to reduce the amount of meat in the Dining Halls in three years by 30%. Then there would be money that could be used for more high quality meat and then more student ideas about what they want to see more of. “This is not forcing people to be vegetarians but rather looking at incorporating meat into a dish rather than the large portions of meat that they have now.” The incentives to do this are the environmental impact that leads to global greenhouse gases and the amount of meat we use actually is the leading cause of deforestation. The team states that Middlebury advertises itself as an environmentally friendly school which would be good for Middlebury PR but also would allow Middlebury to be a leader in this cause. The team also talks about the amount of protein an average person needs everyday and how that can be sustained with lower portions of meat anyways. They finish the slideshow by stating that this is a big issue that looks at animal rights, human rights and environmental issues. Also, EatReal strives for the food to be local, humane, fair trade, and ecologically sound.

Co-Chair Pesquira thanks the EatReal team and states his support for this initiative he states that they might want to look at how they will work with administration to get them to agree to these changes.

Senator Boyle asks about the money that would be left over from reducing the meat. The team states that the it would hopefully be reallocated to other protein sources. They also state that this initiative is up to dining.

Senator Hayes asks about the cost per serving and how much money it would take to make the EatReal standards.

Senator Wright to include more about allergies and food sustainability.

Senator Pustejovsky uses the gluten free section as an example of things to keep about considering about portions and sizing too.
President Toy states that this proposal needs the approval of the student body just so we can create a bridge to their constituents so “everyone is on the same page.”

Senator Cohen and Lantigua states that they could send the dining survey that about 500 people and a lot of people referenced meat that could help this resolution.

President Toy states that it would be great to show the presentation they showed today which really helps convince the student body about the resolution.

There is a motion to table the resolution.

Motion is seconded.

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The resolution is tabled.

VI. Sanctuary Campus

Senator Cohen and Charles Rainey present the resolution that is taking the Sanctuary Campus movement to a “resolution form.” Rainey states that the cosponsors of the resolution are the board members of these cultural organizations and then the leaders of the protests last week. Rainey states the college will just ensure that they will never discriminate and never will in the future.

Senator Pustejovsky asks about an update from the administration about the walk out. President Toy states that President Patton is in full support of the student body and is willing to working with students. The bigger administration questions are going to come in the future about the future of the Trump administration. President Toy reiterates the institutions stand to support inclusivity and support.

The following questions about the resolution have to do about the future and what this means about the relationship with the Federal Government but President Toy states that there “nobody knows.” This resolution will just go further to show that Middlebury is a place that accepts everyone.

Senator Boyle motions to vote.

Motion is seconded.

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The resolution is passed.

Senator Boyle talks about the keg system from parties and will continue the conversation with Doug about his questions.
President Toy finishes the meeting about the plan to keep a one card system that will initiate a swipe system in the dining hall. There are a lot of reasons like: wasting food and the flow of the dining hall. This will be followed up in the near future.

Motion to adjourn.
Motion is seconded.
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The meeting is adjourned.